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MEETING AND CSCE

1. SUMMARY: IN BACKGROUNDER MARCH 13,, POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON BRIEFED BELGIAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS ON MARCH 16 MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS. DAVIGNON SAID AGENDA WOULD CONSIST OF CSCE, THE SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT AND NORTH VIETNAM, AND HE MADE CLEAR THAT CSCE WOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL ORDER OF BUSINESS. DAVIGNON STRESSED THAT THE NINE WERE IN AGREEMENT ON PRACTICALLY ALL CSCE ISSUES AND WOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON ASSIGNING PRIORITIES TO CSCE OBJECTIVES. HE SAID THAT QUESTION OF AID TO NORTH VIETNAM WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN WIDER CONTEXT OF INDOCHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. CSCE PRINCIPLES. STATING THAT THE NINE WERE IN AGREEMENT ON PRACTICALLY ALL CSCE ISSUES, DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE MINISTERS WILL BE REVIEWING OBJECTIVES WITH AN END TO DETERMINING WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL, WHICH ARE HIGHLY DESIREABLE AND WHICH ARE NEGOTIABLE. DAVIGNON ADVISED PRESS AGAINST CONFUSING INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS WITH IMMUTABILITY OF FRONTIERS. HE SAID THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT IN THE FUTURE WESTERN NATIONS MAY CHOOSE TO ALTER THEIR BORDERS IN SOME FASHION AND WOULD NOT WANT SUCH A DECISION TO BE HELD UP BY THE SOVIETS AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF PRINCIPLES AGREED TO IN CSCE.

3. CBMS. DAVIGNON SAID THAT ONLY IN THE AREA OF MILITARY SECURITY WERE THERE ANY DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NINE WITH RESPECT TO CSCE. HE NOTED THAT THE DUTCH HAVE MADE A PROPOSAL THAT THE OTHER EC MEMBERS, WITHOUT GIVING THEIR ENDORSEMENT, HAD PERMITTED TO GO FORWARD IN ORDER TO ELICIT A REACTION FROM CSCE PARTICIPANTS.

4. ECONOMIC COOPERATION. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE USSR IS INTERESTED PRINCIPALLY IN NONDISCRIMINATION IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND IN GAINING ACCESS TO ADVANCED WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. ON THE LATTER POINT, HE NOTED THAT THE WEST IS INTERESTED IN SOVIET ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF PURE SCIENCE AND SUGGESTED THAT SOME MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT COULD EMERGE FROM CSCE IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE.

5. PERMANENT MACHINERY. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE NINE WERE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST- CSCE PERMANENT BODY BUT ADDED THAT SOME FORM OF FOLLOW- ON ACTIVITY MIGHT

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BE ACCEPTABLE. HE SAID THAT EUROPEANS COULD NOT AGREE TO AN

ORGAN IN WHICH THE USSR, US AND CANADA ( SIC ) " COULD BE TEMPTED TO TALK TO EACH OTHER OVER THE OTHERS' ( EUROPEANS' ) HEADS."

6. SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT. ACCORDING TO DAVIGNON, MINISTERS WILL MERELY REVIEW PROGRESS TO DATE ON THE REPORT.

7. VIETNAM. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL COVER BOTH THE ISSUE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THAT OF AID ON THE FORMER HE STATED THAT THE NINE WOULD BE SYNCHRONIZING THEIR ACTIONS. WITH REGARD TO AID, HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE NINE WOULD BE CONSIDERING ALL OF INDOCHINA RATHER THAN NORTH VIETNAM SPECIFICALLY. DAVIGNON REACTED SHARPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE U. S. IS DRAGGING ITS FEET OVER AID TO INDOCHINA, STATING THAT THE U. S. WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AID EVENTUALLY GIVEN IN THE AREA.

8. COMMENT. DAVIGNON' S BRIEFING WAS NOT REFLECTED IN MARCH 14 PRESS, ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT MUCH OF IT TO SURFACE OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING OF MARCH 15 WOULD CONSIDER THE SAME AGENDA AS WILL THE MINISTERS THE FOLLOWING DAY, HE DID SAY THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD HOLD ONLY AN AFTERNOON SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL EC MEMBER DELEGATES FROM HELSINKI WILL BE ON HAND FOR THE BRUSSELS MEETINGS ( BELGIAN EXPERT ARRIVING MARCH 15). DAVIGNON HAS AGREED TO BRIEF CHARGE ON EC MEETINGS ON MONDAY, MARCH 19.  
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